

2016 HUNTER VALLEY HORSE & WINE "STALLION" TOUR

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New for 2016



Presented by:



JOIN US

Ontrack Racing Tours is proud to present our 2016 Hunter Valley Horse & Wine "Stallion" Tour.

The Hunter Valley is home to the finest stallions and studs in the Southern Hemisphere. Join us on our Eleventh annual Hunter Valley Horse & Wine Tour.

The tour will be based at the perfectly located Mercure Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin Valley. This lovely property is a short walk from numerous cellar doors, shops, cafes and the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens.

The group will enjoy private tours of the Hunter Valley's best studs including Arrowfield Stud, Coolmore Stud, Vinery Stud, Darley Stud, Yarraman Park and Newgate Farm.

We will inspect a host of world class stallions on the tour including Redoute's Choice, Fastnet Rock, Lonhro and More Than Ready.

For the first time this year we also inspect new stallions Adelaide, Deep Field, Dissident, Hallowed Crown, Olympic Glory, Rubick, Shooting To Win, Verranzano and Wandjina

We offer flight packages ex Brisbane to Newcastle flying Virgin Australia. We also provide our popular Drive/Fly Yourself options.

Grant Morgan

Tour Host, Ontrack Racing Tours

TOUR HOSTS & CO-ORDINATORS

GRANT MORGAN

(Tour Host, Ontrack Racing Tours)

Grant is one of Australia's bright young racing professionals. The Managing Director of Ontrack Thoroughbreds, Grant has held a number of prominent roles within the racing and breeding industry as a bloodstock agent, marketing manager, business manager and racing manager. Grant has been hosting popular racing and breeding tour groups since 2005.



JENNIE BARTELS

(Tour Consultant, Ontrack Racing Tours)

Jennie is also the co-founder of the successful organisation, Women In Racing, Inc, Australia. This consists of a vibrant group of women who are passionate about all things racing. Jennie works closely with their chosen charity, Griffith University Equine Influenza Research Department and she also established Racing Welfare. Jennie is a regular face at most major racing carnivals throughout Australia, whilst she is widely travelled to all racing destinations throughout the world thanks to her career in the airline industry.



JENNY MORGAN

(Director, Accounts & Admin Ontrack Racing Tours)

Jenny is the administrative backbone of the business handling administration and accounts for Ontrack Thoroughbreds from the companies offices at Bundall. Before co-founding Ontrack Thoroughbreds with Grant, Jenny had extensive work experience in the Superannuation and Life Insurance industries after completing a Bachelor of Arts.



BRIAN LAWLOR

(Sales Consultant, Ontrack Racing Tours)

Brian Lawlor is widely experienced in the New Zealand racing industry and now resides on the Gold Coast. Brian's racing resume includes roles with Radio New Zealand, New Zealand Truth and the Wellington Jockey Club. He was also extensively involved in New Zealand Central Districts clubs in various positions. Holding a lifelong passion for racing and breeding, Brian has been working with Ontrack Thoroughbreds since 2009.



Travel agent and event management services for this tour are provided by ALLURE TRAVEL. Travel Agent License 854 & IATA Member 0250622

GOURMET MEALS & WINE TASTING

FEATURE DINNERS

During the tour the group will experience two feature dinners (3+ courses & beer, wine, inclusive):



The Cellar Restaurant

Centrally located in the heart of Pokolbin, just a short stroll from the world class Hunter Valley Gardens and within easy access to wineries and golf clubs, The Cellar Restaurant offers rustic Mediterranean inspired cuisine in elegant yet relaxed surroundings. The sandstone and glass building features lush indoor gardens intermingled with white clothed tables and a huge welcoming fireplace in the centre. Large windows to three sides offer views of surrounding vineyards and gardens, framed by the majestic Brokenback Ranges in the distance. The ambience is sophisticated yet relaxed with welcoming staff and country-friendly service. The restaurant is fully air conditioned during the warmer months, and in winter the cosy open fire and flickering candles impart warmth and elegance.

Muse Kitchen

Muse Kitchen, located at Keith Tulloch Winery, boasts a personal approach to food, wine and Service delivering European inspired food that is season and produce driven. Offering al fresco dining Muse Kitchen is the ideal spot for a leisurely dinner, with seating overlooking the picturesque Keith Tulloch courtyard. Keith Tulloch wines are hand made with meticulous care, and epitomise the qualities of a boutique Hunter Valley wine company.



WINE TASTING

We will enjoy wine tasting and vineyard tours at the following properties:

Sadlers Creek Wines

Established in 1990, Saddle's Creek is a boutique wine company situated in Pokolbin, the heart of the Hunter Valley. We specialise in producing premium and super premium wines from some of Australia's premium and oldest wine growing regions. Saddle's wines are distinctly different than the vast majority of wine product available to wine lovers. Our wines are made to a relatively simple principle, that is, to produce intense lush flavour and yet have the ability to be enjoyed with the finest of foods. We believe that fine wine has to enhance the flavour of any accompanying meal. After all, wine is the only alcohol made for the sole purpose of being enjoyed with food. Sadlers Creek is owned by well known racing identity John Johnstone, breeder of Golden Slipper winner Ha Ha.

Tyrells

Established in 1858 by English immigrant Edward Tyrrell, Tyrrell's Wines is one of Australia's pre-eminent family owned wine companies with vineyards extending from their historic home in the Hunter Valley to the Limestone Coast (SA) and Heathcote (VIC). Headed up by fourth generation family member Bruce Tyrrell, Tyrrell's is home to some of Australia's most awarded wines including the iconic Vat 1 Semillon. Since 1971, Tyrrell's has been awarded over 5,000 trophies and medals and in 2010 was named "Winery of the Year" in James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion. With the fifth generation, Chris, Jane and John, involved in the business, Tyrrell's will continue to remain family owned with the simple philosophy of producing high quality wine that people love to drink.



Audrey Wilkinson

The Wilkinsons were true pioneers of the Australian winemaking industry. Despite two earlier ventures in Australia, the Wilkinson family returned after the brothers Frederick and John had studied winemaking in France and Germany. In 1866 the family acquired the present site of the Audrey Wilkinson vineyard. Living in tents, they cleared the land and planted vines sourced from the MacArthur Onslow property. By the early 1900s, Audrey Wilkinson collected awards around Australia for his hock, claret and fortified wines. Large quantities were exported to London. Audrey committed to leading-edge technology which, at the end of the 19th century, included open cement fermenters and steam-powered crushers and hoppers. It was here the Audrey Wilkinson legacy was born.



ACCOMMODATION



The Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens is situated in the heart of the Hunter Valley Wine Country and is located on the most prominent corner within the Hunter Valley.

MERCURE RESORT HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS

Comprising of 72 guest rooms, the Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens offers an indulgent selection of 4 1/2 star accommodation designed to allow our guests to enjoy the ambience of relaxed luxury. Each room is beautifully appointed and opens out to a private balcony or courtyard, taking in the wonderful Valley views and magnificent gardens surrounding the property.

Guests can avail themselves of our tennis courts, resort-style swimming pool, sauna, spa, the Lodge library and many other facilities including the Hunter Valley Gardens Village and the spectacular display gardens. All rooms have reverse cycle air-conditioning, refrigerator, mini bar, tea and coffee making facilities, remote controlled television, in-house videos, iron and ironing board, hair dryer and international direct-dial telephones.



Studio Rooms

(Twin Share & Single Share)

The tour package offers accommodation in Studio Rooms (twin share and single share).

Beautifully appointed and spacious, the Studio Room boasts contemporary design with natural, muted colour tones. Studio Rooms are available in king or twin bedding configurations and also feature a private balcony.

Room Upgrades

Room Upgrades are available to Superior Rooms, Deluxe Rooms and Suites. Contact us for further information on room upgrades.



STUD TOURS & STALLION PARADES

NEWGATE FARM

The new force in the Hunter Valley. Newgate Farm was founded by the youthful Henry Field (ex Coolmore & Darley Flying Start) in 2010 with only a handful of mares on a 250 acre leased property. Today, Newgate is one of the leading farms in Australia encompassing 1,000 acres of prime Hunter Valley land. With a foundation based upon quality bloodstock and quality people, Newgate has flourished.

2016 Stallions: Deep Field, Dissident, Eurozone, Foxwedge, Sizzling, The Factor & Wandjina.



Redoute's Choice

COOLMORE STUD

The Irish owned Coolmore Stud has been a dominant force in stallions throughout the world. Coolmore Stud is located at Jerry's Plains, close to the town of Denman in the upper Hunter Valley. Whilst many of its stallions shuttle from the Northern Hemisphere, its leading commercial stallion is the homebred Fastnet Rock (by Danehill).

2016 Stallions: American Pharoah* (New for 2016, Subject to confirmation) Adelaide, Choisir, Declaration of War, Excelebration, Fastnet Rock, Holy Roman Emperor, Pierro, Rubick, So You Think, Uncle Mo, Verrazano & Zoffany.



Lonhro

ARROWFIELD STUD

Arrowfield Stud is located in the heart of breeding country near Scone. It is home to leading sire Redoute's Choice. The Arrowfield racing colours have been carried to glory on numerous occasion at the top level. Arrowfield Stud is headed by the influential John Messara.

2016 Stallions: All American, Charge Forward, Manhattan Rain, Olympic Glory, Smart Missile, Animal Kingdom, Dundee, Not A Single Doubt, Redoute's Choice & Snitzel.



Fastnet Rock

YARRAMAN PARK STUD

Yarraman Park has been owned by the Mitchell family since 1968 and is managed by brothers Arthur and Harry Mitchell. Both Arthur and Harry are hands on all year round and are both highly experienced horsemen who bring a lifetime of international and local experience to the stud along with vast worldwide contracts.

2016 Stallions: I Am Invincible, Hinchinbrook & Magic Albert.



More Than Ready

VINERY STUD

Vinery Stud is managed by expert horseman Peter Orton, a former right hand man to John Messara at Arrowfield Stud. Vinery Stud is owned by a consortium of businessmen which includes Gerry Harvey. The property was formerly known as Segenhoe Stud, and is the Southern Hemisphere home to top stallion More Than Ready.

2016 Stallions: All Too Hard, Casino Prince, Congrats, Husson, More Than Ready, Mossman, My Boy Charlie, Onemorenomore, Pluck & Testa Rossa.



I Am Invincible

DARLEY STUD

Owned by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Darley is one of the world forces in breeding in racing; it stands stallions in six countries of the world. The home of the Darley stallions in the Hunter Valley is the historic Kelvinside property at Aberdeen. In 2008 the Darley operation purchased the massive Woodlands Stud operation from the Ingham family, signalling its intention to dominate racing and breeding in the Southern Hemisphere.

2016 Stallions: Albrecht, Benfica, Bernardini, Carlton House, Dawn Approach, Denman, Epaulette, Exceed and Excel, Hallowed Crown, Lonhro, Medaglia D'Oro, Poets Voice, Sepoy, Shooting To Win, & Sidestep.



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PREVIOUS TOUR IMAGES





FLIGHTS & PRICES

FLIGHT PACKAGES – Virgin Australia

We offer Flight Packages ex Brisbane & Melbourne to Newcastle flying Virgin.

FLY or DRIVE YOURSELF PACKAGES

We also offer popular and unique Fly/Drive Yourself packages.

Drive Yourself

Drive to the Hunter Valley and join the tour party and take the opportunity to extend your visit and take in other sites. This option is also ideal for Sydney based guests.

Fly Yourself

Both Virgin Australia and Jetstar fly regularly to Newcastle from a number of other points including Melbourne & Adelaide. Select this option and book your own flights to link in with the main tour.

PRICES

Flight Packages – Air & Land.
ex Brisbane/Melbourne
(Virgin Australia – Economy)

Twin Share: \$1,880 pp inc GST
Single Share: \$2,210 pp inc GST

Fly Yourself Packages – Land Only.

Twin Share: \$1,630 pp inc GST
Single Share: \$1,960 pp inc GST



BOOKING

This tour is subject to the terms and conditions stated on the 2016 HUNTER VALLEY HORSE & WINE "STALLION" TOUR booking form. To reserve your place on this special tour please complete and sign the booking form along with a copy of your passport and forward to:



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